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TO AMCONSUL ZURICH IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OREP, (BLUM, JACK)

SUBJECT: STAFFDELBLUM

1. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT OF STAFFDEL IS TO MEET SWISS
PROSECUTOR STEFAN TRECHSEL WHO INVESTIGATED THE NORTHROP
"EDC". AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE
MORNING OF JANUARY 14TH IN BERN AT RABBENTALSTRASSE 63.
HIS PHONE IS 031-42-82-52.

2. STAFFDEL REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE AFTERNOON
MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE SWISS OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST
POSSIBLE LEVEL TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF COOPERATION WITH
RESPECT TO INVESTIGATIONS OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION
MATTERS. STAFFDEL WOULD LIKE TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING OF
SWISS ATTITUDES TO POSSIBLE U.S. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
FORCING AMERICAN CORPORATIONS TO MAKE THEIR SWISS RECORDS
AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES. STAFFDEL UNDERSTANDS
THAT THE JUSTICE MINISTRY MAY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE
AGENCY. HOWEVER, EMBASSY IS WELCOME TO USE ITS DISCRETION
IN ARRANGING MEETINGS.

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3. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO STOP IN ZURICH ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 13 EN ROUTE TO BERN. STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE A MEETING WITH CONSUL GENERAL NELSON AND APPOINTMENTS WITH

ONE OR TWO APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE SWISS FINANCIAL COMMUNITY WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SECRECY/CONFIDENTIALITY QUESTIONS AND MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF SWISS ATTITUDES. SUGGEST CONSULATE COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY BERN.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CALL CHRISTIAN ZOGG, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR OF THE SWISS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHO IS ON HOME LEAVE NEAR ZURICH. INFORM HIM OF PLANNED VISIT AND SAY THAT HE MAY EXPECT A CALL FROM BLUM ON ARRIVAL. ZOGG HAD VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR BLUM IF A TRIP WAS PLANNED, BUT LEFT FOR HOME LEAVE BEFORE PRESENT PLANS WERE FORMULATED. HE MAY HAVE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETINGS. ZOGG'S ADDRESS IS 30HNOFSTRASSE SEVEN ST. GALL 9475 AND HIS PHONE IS 085-55-284. KISSINGER

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